

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I want to add that I think it is also totally wrong to pay a--distance--charge fee on the phone bill because of where a person lives. I live in an area where several other people do-and businesses are located-but because we are considered--out--we have to pay a distance fee-and I think that is--greedy--as the cable company has lines here-the gas company-the power company-and so on-but they don't charge a--distance--fee-so-why do we get penalized by the phone company for living on the outskirts of town?? Even when I lived in Douglas, WY and lived 2 miles out-I still got that distance fee charge and I just don't understand why we have to keep paying fees for what? The lines have been there for many years and so what makes nowadays so expensive than from years ago?? I just wish someone could rationally explain the distance fee charge. Thank you!! And so now I have bought a Tracfone-to use mostly while on the road in case of an emergency-and now I hear you want to add more fees to cellular phone users. When will it all stop?? With me barely going to use this phone-I don't think it would be fair to pay monthly fees for this and that every time I turn around-so-I hope that this plan doesn't go into effect. I am a single woman living pay day to pay day as it is now-so sure hope I don't get socked with more --fees--and so-please don't pass this plan-especially for users who only have a phone for emergency use. Once again-I thank you for your time. Nancy

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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